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In re application of: Nao FUJITA et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PURIFICATION OF VINYL POLYMERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 24, 2001

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 15, 16, 19-27, 30-31 and 34 as follows:

15. (Amended) The method for purification according to Claim 2
wherein the vinyl polymer having at least one alkenyl group per molecule is obtainable by the atom transfer radical polymerization of a vinyl monomer using a transition metal complex as a polymerization catalyst.

16. (Amended) The method for purification according to Claim 2

wherein the alkenyl group is located at the molecular chain terminus of the vinyl polymer.

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